



# Harm Reduction Beliefs, Principles & Values

A framework for working with PWUD



Almost everyone uses drugs



Drug use is a normal part of  
the human experience



Drugs are not going  
anywhere anytime soon



Drug use in and of itself is not a bad thing and most drug use is not associated with any harms



Drug-related harms happen  
in an environmental and  
cultural context



The context that drug use exists in will affect a person's vulnerability to and capacity for dealing with any associated harm



Respond to drug use in a way that aims to reduce any potential or actual harms without aiming to reduce, discourage or cease drug use





Meet people where they are at



Do not minimise drug-related  
harm and be realistic about  
risks and safety



Nothing about us without us



Drug use is not a moral failing  
or a criminal issue and should  
not be treated as such

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